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## MAKES A GOOD SHOWING

### Resume of Building Permits and Street Work

The total amount of St. Johns building permits since January 1 is \$57,930. Of this amount, \$5960 is for 28 permits of less than \$500 each, and taken out in nearly every case to make alterations in buildings already erected. One was for the \$10,000 school now building in the eastern part of the city, and the remaining 32 were for residences, of which the average cost is over \$1400 each. While this large amount of building has been going on the City Council has had to work until midnight one night each week and sometimes more in order to keep anywhere near caught up with the street improvements asked for, and is now deluged with petitions for work which cannot possibly be completed this winter. Seventy-five thousand dollars have been spent this season on streets, which are in various stages of improvement. Oswego street has six blocks improved at a cost of \$4,200; Buchanan six, costing \$4800; Pittsburg, Salem and Crawford, one block each, at a total cost of \$1600; Wall street, four blocks, \$5800; Stafford street four, \$5440; nine blocks of cement walk on West Richmond street, which is a county road, at a cost of \$6500; Portland boulevard is being improved from Fessenden street to Buchanan street, a distance of 13 blocks, at a cost of \$12,000; Willis boulevard is being improved from Fessenden street to St. Johns avenue six blocks, at cost \$2300; and Allegheny street has cost \$6500 for its four long blocks. This makes a total of 75 blocks, some of which are 450 feet long, upon which work is under way or has been finished this season. In addition improvements have been asked for on numerous other streets, and contracts will soon be let for nearly \$75,000 more. This does not take in the intended Philadelphia street improvement, the estimated cost of which is \$33,000, or that of Fessenden street, which will cost \$100,000, and which extends from the Portland city limits to the Willamette river, a distance of a mile and a half and which is to be macadamized the full width for the entire length—Telegram.

## See the Elephant

The barber shops of St. Johns all closed Tuesday afternoon in order that the whisker amputators might have an opportunity to take in Ringling Bros' circus at Portland. The shops have all been kept so busy lately that this bit of recreation was sadly needed by the barber fraternity and it was enjoyed to the fullest possible extent. Red lemonade, ginger bread, peanuts and pop corn were taken in copious quantities and the boyhood days lived over again. The tonsorial artists returned to their labors Wednesday morning greatly refreshed and gave vivid tales of the great things they had witnessed to their unfortunate patrons who were unable to be in attendance.

## Selling Fruit Land

Harry C. Hunter is now handling exclusively Linn county fruit lands and reports that he is meeting with marked success. The land is located in the Willamette valley and is cut up mostly into five acre tracts. The tracts sell for \$1370 on the easy payment plan, and for this sum the company agrees to plant it to trees and take proper care of it for a period of five years when it is turned over to the purchaser a commercial orchard. "Happy" has his headquarters at 302, 303 and 304 Lumbermen's building, Portland, where he may be found by any one desiring to talk over the fruit land proposition.

Dr. Munford will speak at the Evangelical church next Sunday morning. He is an outgoing missionary to China and is a very interesting talker. His wife, who will accompany him next month to the Celestial kingdom, will also take part in this service.

## LOCALS DEFEAT GRESHAM

### Heavy Stick Work Leading Feature of Game

The base ball fans of St. Johns were treated to an interesting exhibition of the National game Sunday afternoon. Gresham, which was second on the list when the Interurban league closed, were the opponents of the locals who were second in the Tri-City league. The contest was purposed to be played for a purse of \$100, each side putting up \$50 and the winner to take the "pot." This incentive was the means of attracting quite a number of lovers of the sport to the local grounds. Gresham was fairly represented in a fandom way with quite a sprinkling of the fair sex in evidence. The disgust of the latter when their champions made a poor play was expressed in an emphatic way, and when St. Johns carried off the game their disapprobation was too deep for words. The feature of the game was the heavy battling proclivities of the locals. Singles, two baggers and triples came so rapidly that they finally ceased to arouse comment. Pitcher Olney, Stone, Summers, Pembroke and Schaffer were there with the goods when it came to stick work. Pitcher Olney had the game well in hand throughout, and on only one occasion did the Gresham lads look very dangerous, and that was when the score was 6 to 5 in the local's favor and the bases were filled with Gresham runners. The next batter, however, was retired on an easy chance to pitcher, making three out. Schaffer was a little off color at short and had several errors to his credit. His good batting, however, offset the damage he was responsible for in the field. Adams played a good game at second. Stone, however, at first, was the bright star of the game. Everything that came his way was gobbled up in a manner never excelled in a major league game. Wild throws and grounders hot off the bat all looked alike to him and he gathered them all in without an error. Stupid and ill advised base running on the part of the locals kept the score down much less than it would otherwise have been. The most stupendous act along this line was when Poff was on third with no one out. Heavy hitting Schaffer was at the bat at the time, and the coacher gave the signal for a hit and run play. The batter, never a success in the bunting line, attempted to do so but missed the ball and Poff was put out at home with ridiculous ease. The Gresham catcher was the most accurate thrower seen here this year and after a couple of local runners had made a dismal failure of stealing second, the coacher still advised them to make the try, but not one succeeded in purloining the base unless there was a runner on third. The local outfielders had nothing to do, not one fly being captured nor an error made by them. The score at the end of the game was 9 to 5, in favor of the locals.

These two clubs have now each won a game in the series of three. The final game will be played in St. Johns September 12th. It will be well for the fans to bear this date in mind, as it will undoubtedly be the most interesting and exciting of the three.

## After Many Days

The proposed improvement of Richmond street through the Caples tract has now reached a point nearer consummation than has yet been the case. The viewers' report has been accepted and the matter will be pushed as rapidly as possible from now on. It is likely that the courts will be called upon to decide the matter, as it is an impossibility to satisfy both Mrs. Caples and the Severance estate however the assessments might be made by any body of viewers. The improvement has been pending in council for several years and the people are anxious to have the street go through without further delay.

Bitgood & Cole are now nicely located in their new market on North Jersey in the Turner stand. Drop in.

## COUNCIL HOLDS LONG SESSION

### And Burn a Little Midnight "Oil" in Effectually Disposing of the Rock Crusher Proposition and Looking After the Details Connected With Street Work

Council met in regular session Tuesday night with all members present. The session was one of the longest that has yet occurred. Considerable time was taken up in discussing the provisions of the rock crusher contract, and in looking over new profiles of streets upon which improvement is desired. After the minutes were read and approved, the contract for the operation of the rock crusher by N. G. Nelson was taken, and after several alterations and changes were made thereto, was unanimously accepted by council. A remonstrance registered by Mrs. W. E. Ashbey and presented by W. S. Inasey against E. C. Hurlbert as a viewer on the condemnation assessments on Fessenden street from Jersey street to the Willamette river was read. The charge made was that the said viewer was a real estate agent and was distasteful to some of the property owners and the document asked that a man of better judgement be appointed in his stead. After some discussion the communication was accepted and placed on file, council not deeming the charges sufficient to disqualify and displace Mr. Hurlbert.

There was one bid on the improvement of Tacoma street by Thos. Cochran, as follows: Cut 25c, fill

20c, 12-foot plank side walk 85c per foot, crushed rock \$2.50 per cubic yard. The bid was accepted by council. As there was no bid filed for the improvement of East Burlington street, it was decided to instruct the engineer to prepare new estimates and readvertise for bids. It seems that there is such a conglomeration of brick bats, plank, mud, dirt, and debris on the street that no contractor cared to tackle it at the estimate under which the recent call for bids was made. Bills to the amount of \$360.85 were allowed. The engineer reported that a number of the streets in South St. Johns upon which improvement has been asked for are prohibitive on account of the low assessment of the property along these streets. The same conditions obtain in some of the North End streets. It seems that the assessor placed the assessments entirely too low and away out of proportion to the real value of the property. A number of the lots are assessed at \$200, when it is very doubtful if any of them could be bought for less than \$500. This inadequate assessment work of the County Assessor promises to prove a serious impediment in the way of street work, and it is certainly to be

regretted that a man familiar with the true values of the lots in St. Johns did not have charge of the assessment work. A report of the viewers on the condemnation of Fessenden street, Jersey to the city limits was presented and referred to the street committee and city attorney to look into. It was a voluminous document, and will require some time to digest. Resolution for the extension and improvement of Charleston street through Cedar Park was adopted and the engineer instructed to prepare the necessary plans and estimates. A resolution providing for the condemnation of a strip of 30 feet of land on East Charleston street was adopted. An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the operation of the rock crusher was passed by the council and may be found elsewhere in this issue. An ordinance assessing the cost of the improvement of South Jersey from Richmond to Mohawk, was passed and appears in this issue. It having come to the notice of council that it was quite probable that the city could secure Catlin street from the railroad to the river, the Mayor was selected to confer with Mr. Barker and the Weyerhaeuser interests in regard thereto.

## From Bad to Worse

Ether Mitchell, the central figure in Seattle's Holy Roller killings of two years ago, is in the hands of the Provincial Police at Victoria, B. C., having been found, horribly emaciated and heavy with opium in a Chinaman's shack at Departure Bay. She is held for vagrancy and will probably go to a rescue home. In Seattle during July, 1907, her brother shot Joshua Creffield, a Holy Roller priest, whom he charged with ruining the girl. Ether, meeting her avenging brother at the Union Depot, shot him dead, allegedly being inspired thereto by Creffield's wife. She escaped punishment on the ground of temporary insanity and has since fallen lower and lower, consorting wholly with the Chinese of late, and living only to satisfy her craving for the poppy.

Ether Mitchell left Fort Stella-coom asylum, near Tacoma, where she had been confined, some months ago, without being discharged. Since that time the Washington authorities have been quietly seeking her, and she may be brought back to the asylum.

## Home From the Springs

Adam Kaemlein and Charles Derrie returned the latter part of last week from a two weeks' sojourn at Collins Springs. They spent a day also at Hood River and took a drive out through the valley. Both were agreeably surprised at the beautiful country in the valley and the manner in which the orchards are kept there. Each tree is given more attention than is generally accorded a whole orchard in the east and as well kept and as free from weeds as a flower garden. The Indian maidens around Collins Springs tried hard to make a "mash" upon our two handsome townsmen, but they remained true to their interests here.

## Treated Badly

The woolen mill base ball team journeyed to Woodlawn last Sunday and defeated the club of that place by a score of 8 to 3. The management complains very bitterly of the treatment accorded them by the Woodlawn aggregation, as they were compelled to pay their own car fare and pay a boy to carry water. They will not be in a hurry to play another game in that town.

Ask your dealer for Easy Shine Shoe Polish.

## Will Be a Banner Year

Nineteen hundred and ten is to be the banner year for new settlers in the Northwest, according to railway men. Of the third of a million applicants in Uncle Sam's land lottery, it is believed that one half will come next year to locate. This means the unsuccessful ones, who saw the land to be had here and were impressed by the opportunities. The big travel to the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition is expected in September, when the farmers in the middle west have handled their crops. Those who have been here and gone back home, are boosting harder than ever. In fact the outlook for 1910 is so promising that operating departments of all Northwestern lines are planning to buy more equipment.

## Likes it Fine

On a tour of the Northwest to get material for a series of letters to his paper, the Chicago Record-Herald, William E. Curtis, probably the best known correspondent in the world, was a Portland visitor during the past week. In discussing the Rose City, he said: "Portland is the best city on the Pacific Coast and I would rather live here than in any other city of which I know. Portland is farther along than any other city on the Pacific Coast; by that I mean it is more mature than any of the big cities of the West." These are strong words, coming as they do from a man who has travelled all over the world.

## Japs Are on the Way

An event of great interest, especially to the Pacific Coast, will be the visit of 30 of the leading business men of Japan, who will arrive on September 6 for a tour of 50 cities of the country. The visitors are coming to learn of the resources and commercial methods of the United States. The trip about the country will be made in a splendidly equipped special train at a cost of \$75,000, contributed by the business interests of the United States. A committee of prominent men has been named to have charge of the visitors while in Portland and arrange for their entertainment here.

Mrs. W. P. Fennell and two children of Eagle Creek, Mich., who have been visiting at the home of their old time friend, Mrs. H. E. Knight, for the past week or so, left Saturday for their Eastern home.

## Almost Got Him

P. H. Edlefsen and family returned Monday from a couple of weeks' taste of camping out life on Elk Creek. The "Barn" is reported to have had quite an experience with a bear there. He sighted one in the woods one day, and not having any sort of weapon with him he decided to give it a chase anyhow. Making a desperate spurt he managed to grab it by the tail with two of his fingers and he held on for two miles but could not gain enough to get a good handhold. Just when he thought he was going to make it all right he tripped over a root and the varmint got away. We cannot vouch for this, but only report it as we heard it.

## Seeks the Peninsula

Another large company has selected the Peninsula as a suitable site for the operation of an immense plant. It is the Pacific Gas Traction Co. and will construct a new type of traction engine for use in farm work. Eight acres have been secured at Kenton and \$100,000 will be expended in factory buildings and warehouses. About 150 skilled workmen will be given employment. Plans for the factory building are now being drafted and the final negotiations will be concluded in a few days. The Peninsula is certainly securing its share of large industries these days.

## Wouldn't It Pay

St. Johns seems to be badly in need of a first class livery stable where driving horses may be secured at any and all times. We have inquiries almost every week as to where to secure a horse and buggy to drive over the city, but whether there is not enough demand to make it a paying proposition or whether it has just been allowed to go by default is a question we are not prepared to answer, but it is a fact that a good livery would be a great accommodation to many visitors that come here.

## Abandoned All Hope

The police have practically abandoned all hope of solving the mystery surrounding the death of Mrs. May Real, who was run down and killed by a big red touring car on the Linnton road August 5. The many clues developed all proved to be unstable.

## ENTHUSED WITH OUTLOOK

### Expert Eames Writes a Glowing Letter

Following are a few extracts taken from a letter received this week by M. F. Loy from R. W. Eames, the great oil expert who is in charge of affairs on the ground for the Eastern Oregon Oil & Gas Co. They prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that Mr. Eames has unbounded faith in the future of the oil fields of this local company and is intensely enthusiastic over the outlook: "We have not punctured the GUSHER basin yet, but from present indications we will soon. There is a very marked improvement in the gas and oil coming from the well at present. It is very strong and of high grade. We are going to reduce the bore and push down as fast as conditions will permit in order to get the gusher for Thanksgiving. All the other wells near us are on the verge of tapping the pool. The oil and gas indications are getting stronger and of better grade. "While the production of petroleum has increased wonderfully, every nine years we have to produce as much oil as in all the preceding years in order to keep up with the demand. Therefore, we will have to hustle some in the next nine years. The demand is now ahead of the production and is increasing five times as fast as the production. WE ARE ON THE EVE OF AN OIL PANIC. This decade will experience one of the greatest famines ever known in any one commodity—an oil famine. "This statement is corroborated by Walter H. Dunham of California and other good authorities. Mr. Dunham is acknowledged to be one of the best statistical oil authorities in the world. He has visited the Vale field twice and in his recent visit he expressed himself as satisfied that we have a wonderful oil field here that will produce high grade oils, such as lubricating and illuminating products, that the field is due to come in soon and that Vale will be the BULL'S EYE OF THE WORLD. "I tell you, friend Loy, there is very little question regarding the great future of this field. All the inside land has been taken up and inquiries are being made for more; stocks are selling readily; inquiries for general information coming in daily; the outside world is taking notice of us, and within six months this field will be in a state of the wildest boom ever experienced in the oil camp. It will make a boom gold camp seem like a grave yard. The greatest opportunities to make a stake are rapidly passing, never to return. I have a driller from California who has had fifteen years of experience there and is well qualified to express an opinion on the fields, and he says: 'There is no doubt about existence of oil in large quantities here.' I am urging my friends to GET IN NOW. Oil lands, oil stock—anything in oil here will bring a return of 1000 per cent in the near future, is my guess. Every day adds new proof of this belief; every expert has so decided; every oil man that has visited the field has gone away with this same conviction. It is a good place to bring a Missourian—you can show him and convince him here. "Everything is alive here now. Vale is full of transients. The very air is full of expectancy. Land values are going up and will soon be out of the reach of the small investor. This will not remain open but a very short time, so if you have a friend that wants to make a stake here GET HIM HERE QUICK."

## Home Talent Play

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## Are Being Shown

J. H. Coffman and wife of Bates county, Missouri, are guests at the home of their daughter, Mrs. G. L. Perrine in this city. Geo. L. is doing the honors as guide and is busy showing Mr. Coffman the many attractive sights and scenes to be found in St. Johns and vicinity. As Mr. Coffman is from Missouri, of course he has to be shown, and there is no one here who can show one in a more elaborate manner and make more bewildering statements than Mr. Perrine. Mr. and Mrs. Coffman will visit Seattle and Victoria before returning to their native soil.

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## WOMAN SEEKS POINTERS

### And Learns All She Desires to Know

They were in the grand stand to root for St. Johns—that is, he was. She was there to obtain some information. It was evidently her first appearance at the National pastime. He stood the fire of questions admirably for two innings, then the smile vanished and a perceptible frown appeared. At the end of the fourth his collar was badly wilted and new wrinkles furrowed his brow, while hard, cruel lines were tightening about his jaw. She, his inquisitive little wife, was still smiling and inquiring and unfortunately oblivious of the storm gathering in her vicinity.

Finally, with three men on bases, two out and Pembroke at the bat ready to do or die, she again drew her distracted hubby's attention from the game to inquire whether it was called a run when the "empire" said "three strikes." He looked at her in strong silence a moment, gulped hard, then rose to his feet and shaking his finger in her face roared: "Now, woman, look here; I've stood for this outrageous questioning so long that the players all look like interrogation points to me, and I am going to hand you a bunch of information all in one cluster. Let me inform you that I don't know why the Gresham pitcher hits more bats than Olney does; I don't know whether those base bags are stuffed with sand, rolled oats or pop corn, and I don't care whether they would look nicer with lace trimmings or not; I don't know why Poff wears a blue stocking on his left leg and a red one on his right. He probably belongs to the fire company and the National guards, or else got them mixed in making his annual change; I don't know why the umpire keeps looking at that hole in the fence when he isn't busy; though it's possible that he may have to go through there presently. The short stop does not have to be short to hold that position. The wire netting in front of us was placed there to keep out foul balls, not fowls; the man behind us meant the ball when he referred to that easy fly, not an insect. I don't know whether the first baseman is a married man or not, but I don't think he is—he looks quite sensible. The policeman is here to keep order and not to prevent players from stealing a base; I do not know why Adams tried to catch a ball with one hand when he is allowed to use both; I do not know why the center-fielder ran over to left field to catch a fly when there was a man in left field for that purpose; neither do I know why Schaffer does not stop the balls when the game is being played when he proved that he could do so during practice, but I do know this, however, that I would as soon be an alienist on the stand before Jerome as try to enjoy baseball in the company of a woman who doesn't know enough about the game to tell the difference between the home plate and center field, and if I am ever daffy enough to take another woman to a base ball game I hope the losing team will mistake me for the umpire afterward and beat my crazy block off."

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